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POL Counselor delivered reftel demarche September 25 to Swedish MFA Deputy Director for Afghanistan Matthias Otterstedt and Deputy Director for Security Policy Carl Magnus Ericsson. Both Otterstedt and Ericsson stated that Sweden sees expansion of the ANA as essential to the security of Afghanistan and agreed to be in touch soon with MFA's response to the request for funding. Otterstedt asked for more specifics on the proposed trust fund and how it would be managed, noting that Swedish budgeting decisions could be affected by these issues. Action request: When available, Post seeks Department guidance on the mechanics of the proposed trust fund.

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